

PHALÆNA JUNONIA.



CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Antennæ setaceæ, a basi ad apicem sensim attenuatæ.

Alæ (sedentis) sæpius deflexæ, (volatu nocturno.)

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 808.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

Ph. (pavonia) pectinicornis elinguis, alis rotundatis griseo nebulosis subfasciatis, ocello nictitante subfenestrato.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 810.

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Lepidopterorum quæ in Europa generantur longe maxima Phalæna Junonia coloribus eleganter dispositis insignitur. Nullibi in Anglia reperitur; non raro autem in variis Gallia, Germania, & Italiae

Italiæ partibus. Suspiciatur sane Linnæus phalænam pavoniam minorem esse hujus de qua jam loquimur varietatem; sed quamvis fateamur simillima inter se esse hæc duo insecta, non possumus tamen nobis persuadere ad unam eandemque speciem debere referri. Ostenditur in tabulis vera phalænæ nec non larvæ pupæque magnitudo.



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THE GREAT PEACOCK MOTH.



GENERIC CHARACTER.

Antennæ setaceous, gradually lessening from the base to the tip.

Wings (when sitting) generally deflected. (Flight nocturnal.)

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

GREAT PEACOCK-MOTH, with whitish-grey rounded wings, with dark and pale-brown transverse variegations, and large subfenestrated eye-shaped spot.

GREAT PEACOCK-MOTH.

Of all the European Lepidoptera this is by far the largest, as well as one of the most elegant in the disposition of its colors. It is not very uncommon in many parts of France, Germany, Italy, &c. but has never yet been discovered in our own country. Linnæus indeed imagines that the *Phalæna pavonia minor*, or Emperor Moth, is in reality a variety of the same animal; but tho' there exists the most striking

striking similarity in point of appearance, it is impossible to suppose a real identity of species. The great *Phalæna pavonia*, or *Junonia*, is represented on the annexed plates in its natural size, accompanied by its larva and pupa.